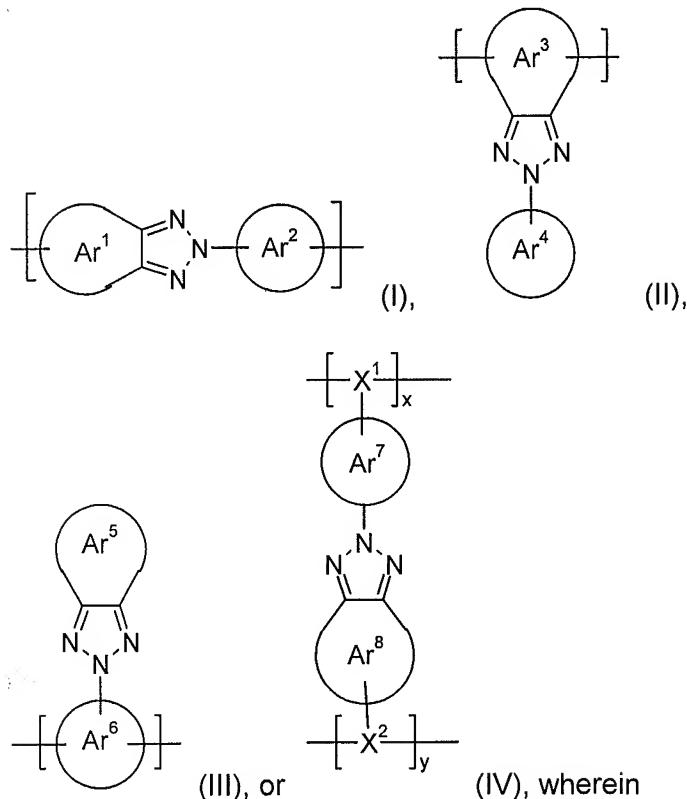


In the claims:

**1. (previously presented)** A polymer comprising a repeating unit of the formula

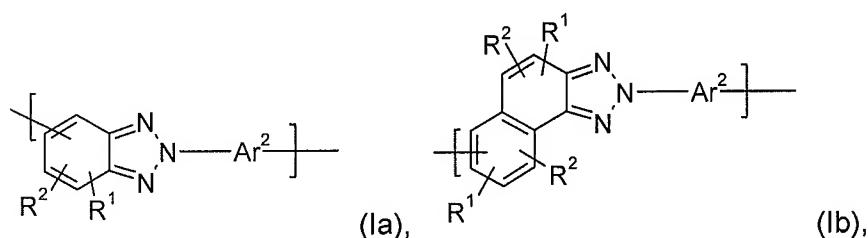


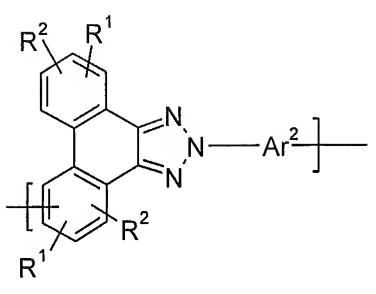
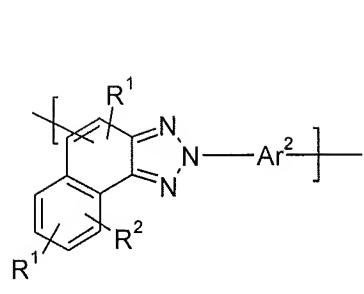
$x$  and  $y$  are independently of each other 0 or 1,

$X^1$  and  $X^2$  are independently of each other a divalent linking group,

$\text{Ar}^1$ ,  $\text{Ar}^2$ ,  $\text{Ar}^3$ ,  $\text{Ar}^4$ ,  $\text{Ar}^5$ ,  $\text{Ar}^6$ ,  $\text{Ar}^7$  and  $\text{Ar}^8$  are independently of each other an aryl group, or a heteroaryl group, which can optionally be substituted.

**2. (previously presented)** A polymer according to claim 1, comprising a repeating unit of the formula





wherein Ar<sup>2</sup> is as defined in claim 1,

$R^1$  and  $R^2$  are independently of each other H, halogen,  $SO_3^-$ ,  $C_1-C_{18}$ alkyl,  $C_1-C_{18}$ alkyl which is substituted by E and/or interrupted by D,  $C_1-C_{18}$ perfluoroalkyl,  $C_6-C_{24}$ aryl,  $C_6-C_{24}$ aryl which is substituted by G,  $C_2-C_{20}$ heteroaryl,  $C_2-C_{20}$ heteroaryl which is substituted by G,  $C_2-C_{18}$ alkenyl,  $C_2-C_{18}$ alkynyl,  $C_1-C_{18}$ alkoxy,  $C_1-C_{18}$ alkoxy which is substituted by E and/or interrupted by D,  $C_7-C_{25}$ aralkyl, or  $-CO-R^{28}$ ,



or two substituents R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup>, which are adjacent to each other, are a group , or ,  
 D is -CO-; -COO-; -S-; -SO-; -SO<sub>2</sub>-; -O-; -NR<sup>25</sup>-; -SiR<sup>30</sup>R<sup>31</sup>-; -POR<sup>32</sup>-; -CR<sup>23</sup>=CR<sup>24</sup>-; or -C≡C-; and  
 E is -OR<sup>29</sup>; -SR<sup>29</sup>; -NR<sup>25</sup>R<sup>26</sup>; -COR<sup>28</sup>; -COOR<sup>27</sup>; -CONR<sup>25</sup>R<sup>26</sup>; -CN; -OCOOR<sup>27</sup>; or halogen; G is E, or  
 C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl, wherein

$R^{23}$ ,  $R^{24}$ ,  $R^{25}$  and  $R^{26}$  are independently of each other H;  $C_6$ - $C_{18}$ aryl;  $C_6$ - $C_{18}$ aryl which is substituted by  $C_1$ - $C_{18}$ alkyl, or  $C_1$ - $C_{18}$ alkoxy;  $C_1$ - $C_{18}$ alkyl; or  $C_1$ - $C_{18}$ alkyl which is interrupted by  $-O-$ ; or

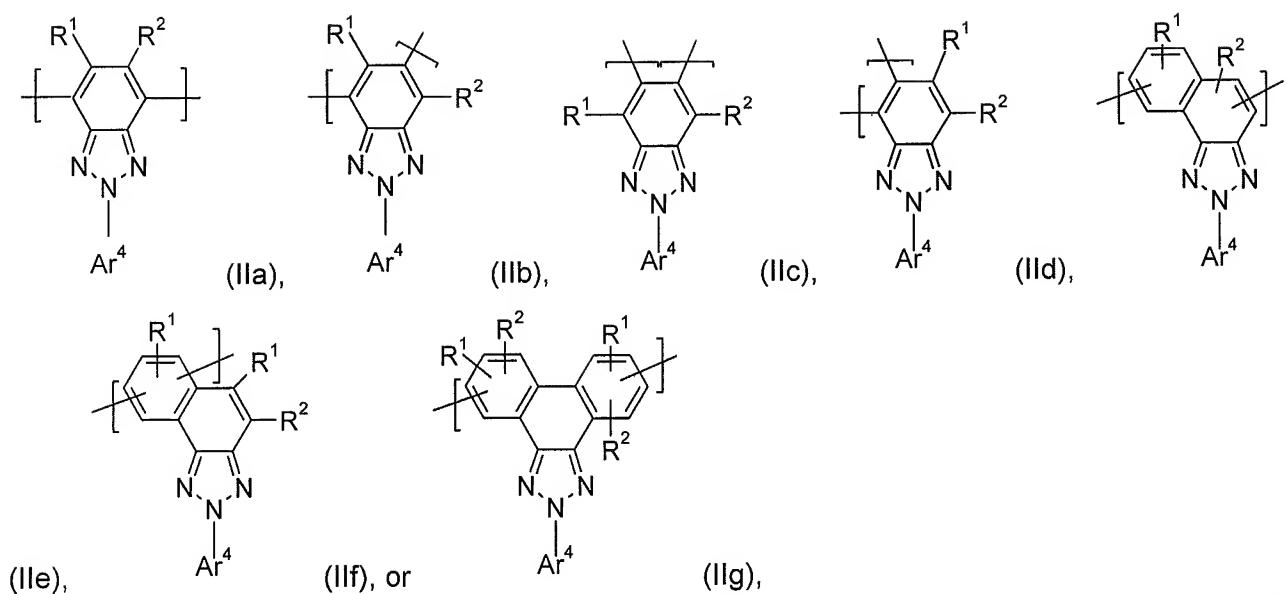
$R^{25}$  and  $R^{26}$  together form a five or six membered ring,  $R^{27}$  and  $R^{28}$  are independently of each other H;  $C_6$ - $C_{18}$ aryl;  $C_6$ - $C_{18}$ aryl which is substituted by  $C_1$ - $C_{18}$ alkyl, or  $C_1$ - $C_{18}$ alkoxy;  $C_1$ - $C_{18}$ alkyl; or  $C_1$ - $C_{18}$ alkyl which is interrupted by  $-O-$ ,

$R^{29}$  is H;  $C_6$ - $C_{18}$ aryl;  $C_6$ - $C_{18}$ aryl, which is substituted by  $C_1$ - $C_{18}$ alkyl, or  $C_1$ - $C_{18}$ alkoxy;  $C_1$ - $C_{18}$ alkyl; or  $C_1$ - $C_{18}$ alkyl which is interrupted by  $-O-$ ,

$R^{30}$  and  $R^{31}$  are independently of each other C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>aryl, or C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>aryl, which is substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl, and

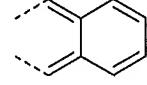
$R^{32}$  is  $C_1$ - $C_{18}$ alkyl,  $C_6$ - $C_{18}$ aryl, or  $C_6$ - $C_{18}$ aryl, which is substituted by  $C_1$ - $C_{18}$ alkyl.

**3. (previously presented)** A polymer according to claim 1, comprising a repeating unit of the formula



wherein Ar<sup>4</sup> is as defined in claim 1,

R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are independently of each other H, halogen, SO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl which is substituted by E and/or interrupted by D, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>perfluoroalkyl, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>24</sub>aryl, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>24</sub>aryl which is substituted by G, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>heteroaryl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>heteroaryl which is substituted by G, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkynyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkoxy which is substituted by E and/or interrupted by D, C<sub>7</sub>-C<sub>25</sub>aralkyl, or -CO-R<sup>28</sup>,

or two substituents R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup>, which are adjacent to each other, are a group  or , or  
 D is -CO-; -COO-; -S-; -SO-; -SO<sub>2</sub>-; -O-; -NR<sup>25</sup>-; -SiR<sup>30</sup>R<sup>31</sup>-; -POR<sup>32</sup>-; -CR<sup>23</sup>=CR<sup>24</sup>-; or -C≡C-; and  
 E is -OR<sup>29</sup>; -SR<sup>29</sup>; -NR<sup>25</sup>R<sup>26</sup>; -COR<sup>28</sup>; -COOR<sup>27</sup>; -CONR<sup>25</sup>R<sup>26</sup>; -CN; -OCOOR<sup>27</sup>; or halogen; G is E, or  
 C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl, wherein

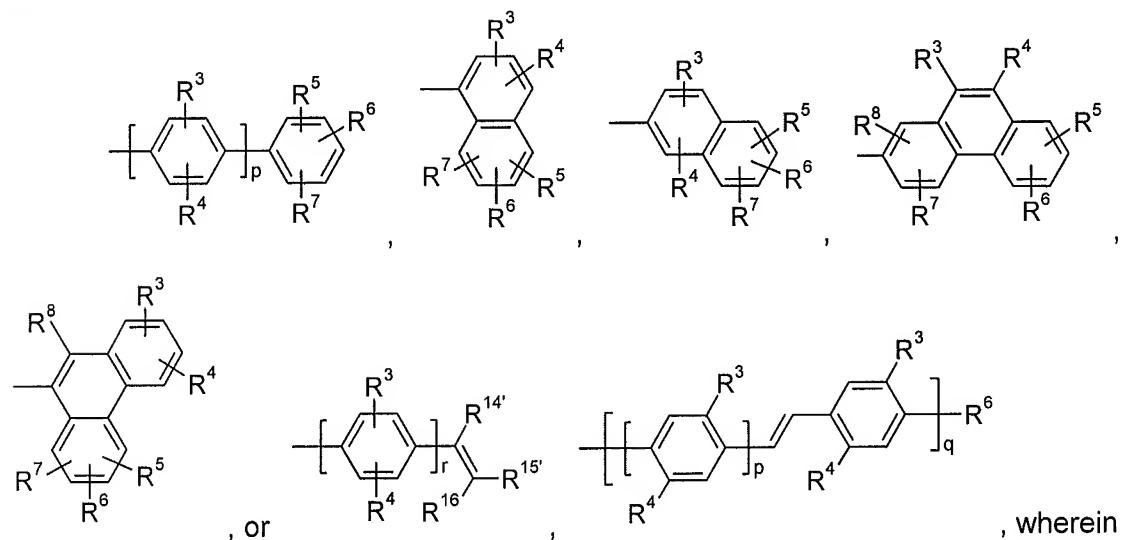
R<sup>23</sup>, R<sup>24</sup>, R<sup>25</sup> and R<sup>26</sup> are independently of each other H; C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>aryl; C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>aryl which is substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl, or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkoxy; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl; or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl which is interrupted by -O-; or  
 R<sup>25</sup> and R<sup>26</sup> together form a five or six membered ring, R<sup>27</sup> and R<sup>28</sup> are independently of each other H; C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>aryl; C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>aryl which is substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl, or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkoxy; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl; or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl which is interrupted by -O-,

R<sup>29</sup> is H; C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>aryl; C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>aryl, which is substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl, or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkoxy; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl; or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl which is interrupted by -O-,

R<sup>30</sup> and R<sup>31</sup> are independently of each other C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>aryl, or C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>aryl, which is substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl, and

R<sup>32</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>aryl, or C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>aryl, which is substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl.

4. (previously presented) A polymer according to claim 3, wherein Ar<sup>4</sup> is a group of formula



p is an integer from 1 to 10,

q is an integer from 1 to 10,

r is an integer of 0 to 10,

R<sup>3</sup> to R<sup>8</sup> are independently of each other H, halogen, SO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl which is substituted by E and/or interrupted by D, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>24</sub>aryl, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>24</sub>aryl which is substituted by G, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>heteroaryl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>heteroaryl which is substituted by G, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkynyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkoxy which is substituted by E and/or interrupted by D, C<sub>7</sub>-C<sub>25</sub>aralkyl, or -CO-R<sup>28</sup>, or



two substituents R<sup>3</sup> to R<sup>8</sup>, which are adjacent to each other, are a group , or , and R<sup>14'</sup> and R<sup>15'</sup> are independently of each other H, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl which is substituted by E and/or interrupted by D, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>24</sub>aryl, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>24</sub>aryl which is substituted by G, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>heteroaryl, or C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>heteroaryl which is substituted by G,

R<sup>16</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl which is substituted by E and/or interrupted by D, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>24</sub>aryl, which optionally can be substituted, wherein

D is -CO-; -COO-; -S-; -SO-; -SO<sub>2</sub>-; -O-; -NR<sup>25</sup>-; -SiR<sup>30</sup>R<sup>31</sup>-; -POR<sup>32</sup>-; -CR<sup>23</sup>=CR<sup>24</sup>-; or -C≡C-; and

E is -OR<sup>29</sup>; -SR<sup>29</sup>; -NR<sup>25</sup>R<sup>26</sup>; -COR<sup>28</sup>; -COOR<sup>27</sup>; -CONR<sup>25</sup>R<sup>26</sup>; -CN; -OCOOR<sup>27</sup>; or halogen; G is E, or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl, wherein

R<sup>23</sup>, R<sup>24</sup>, R<sup>25</sup> and R<sup>26</sup> are independently of each other H; C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>aryl; C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>aryl which is substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkoxy; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl; or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl which is interrupted by -O-; or

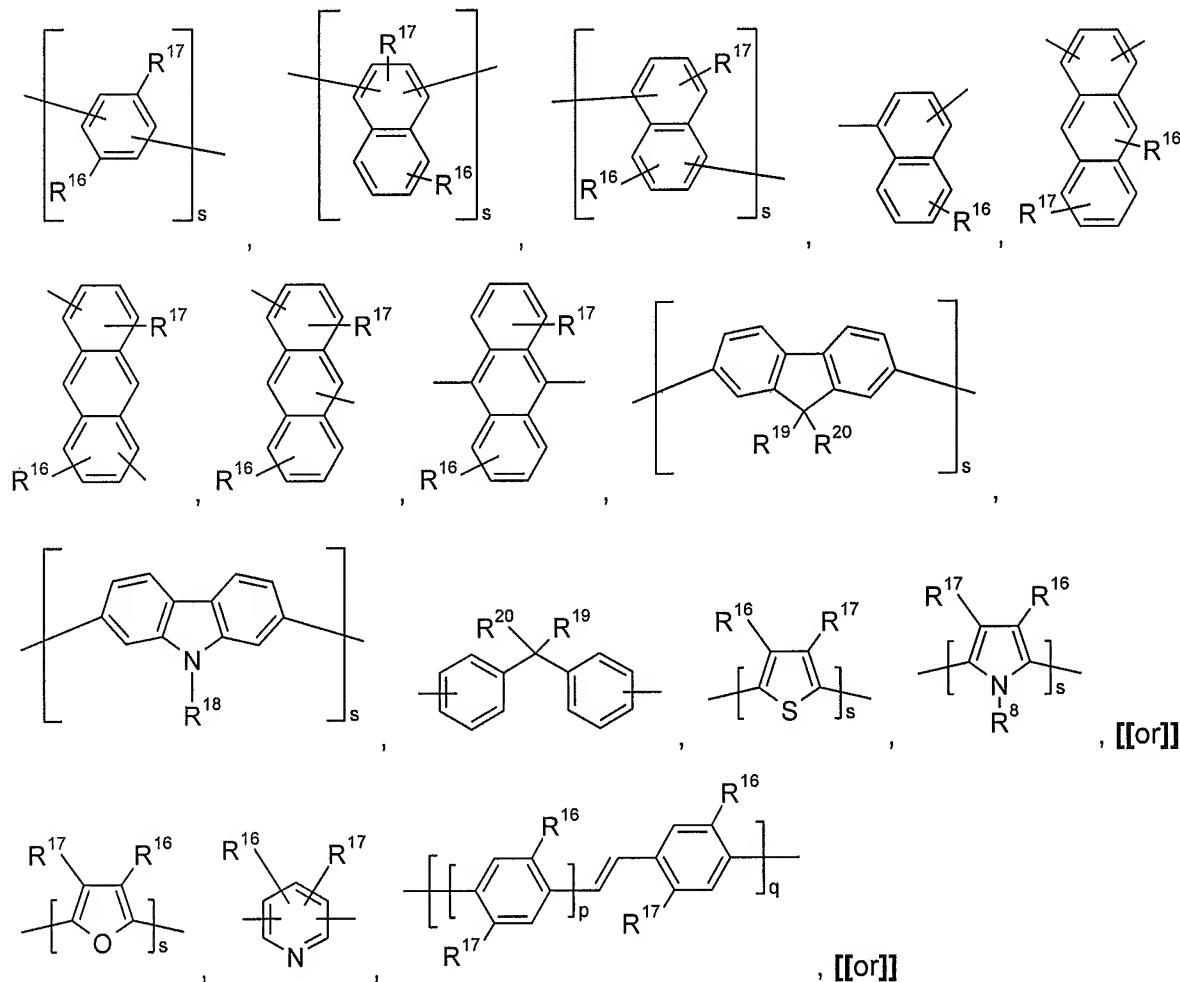
$R^{25}$  and  $R^{26}$  together form a five or six membered ring,  $R^{27}$  and  $R^{28}$  are independently of each other H; C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>aryl; C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>aryl which is substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl, or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkoxy; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl; or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl which is interrupted by -O-,

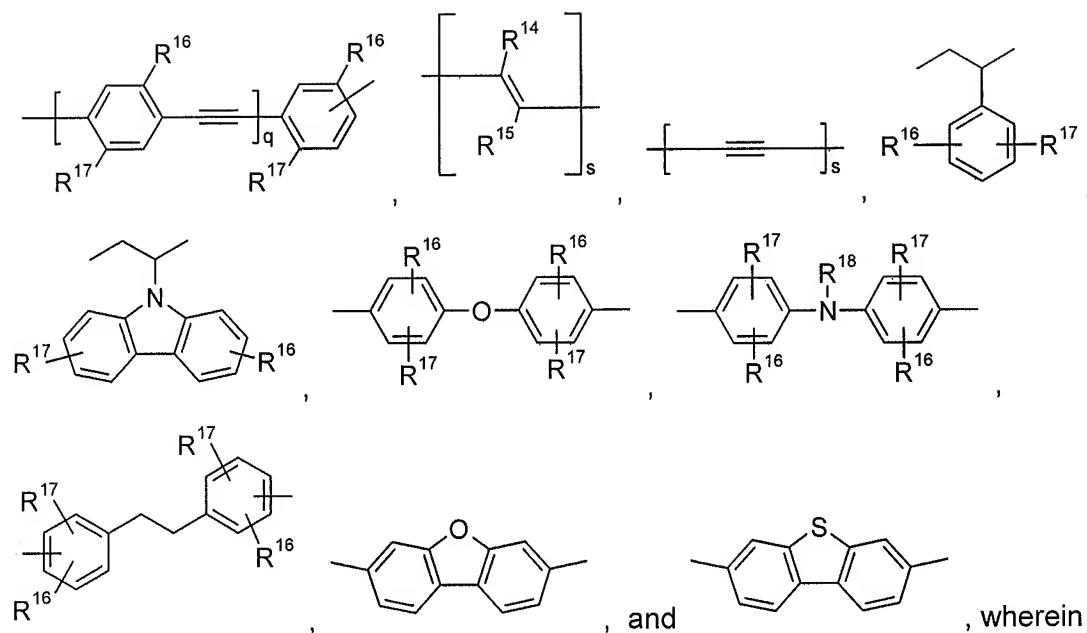
$R^{29}$  is H; C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>aryl; C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>aryl, which is substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkoxy; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl; or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl which is interrupted by -O-,

$R^{30}$  and  $R^{31}$  are independently of each other C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>aryl, or C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>aryl, which is substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl, and

$R^{32}$  is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>aryl, or C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>aryl, which is substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl.

**5. (currently amended)** A polymer according to claim 1, comprising an additional repeating unit T which is selected from the group consisting of





p is an integer from 1 to 10,

q is an integer from 1 to 10,

s is an integer from 1 to 10,

R<sup>14</sup> and R<sup>15</sup> are independently of each other H, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl which is substituted by E and/or interrupted by D, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>24</sub>aryl, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>24</sub>aryl which is substituted by G, or C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>heteroaryl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>heteroaryl which is substituted by G,

R<sup>16</sup> and R<sup>17</sup> are independently of each other H, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl which is substituted by E and/or interrupted by D, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>24</sub>aryl, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>24</sub>aryl which is substituted by G, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>heteroaryl, or C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>heteroaryl which is substituted by G, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkynyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkoxy which is substituted by E and/or interrupted by D, C<sub>7</sub>-C<sub>25</sub>aralkyl, or -CO-R<sup>28</sup>,

R<sup>18</sup> is H; C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>aryl; C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>aryl which is substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl, or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkoxy; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl; or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl which is interrupted by -O-;

R<sup>19</sup> and R<sup>20</sup> are independently of each other C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl which is substituted by E and/or interrupted by D, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>24</sub>aryl, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>24</sub>aryl which is substituted by G, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>heteroaryl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>heteroaryl which is substituted by G, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkynyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkoxy which is substituted by E and/or interrupted by D, or C<sub>7</sub>-C<sub>25</sub>aralkyl, or

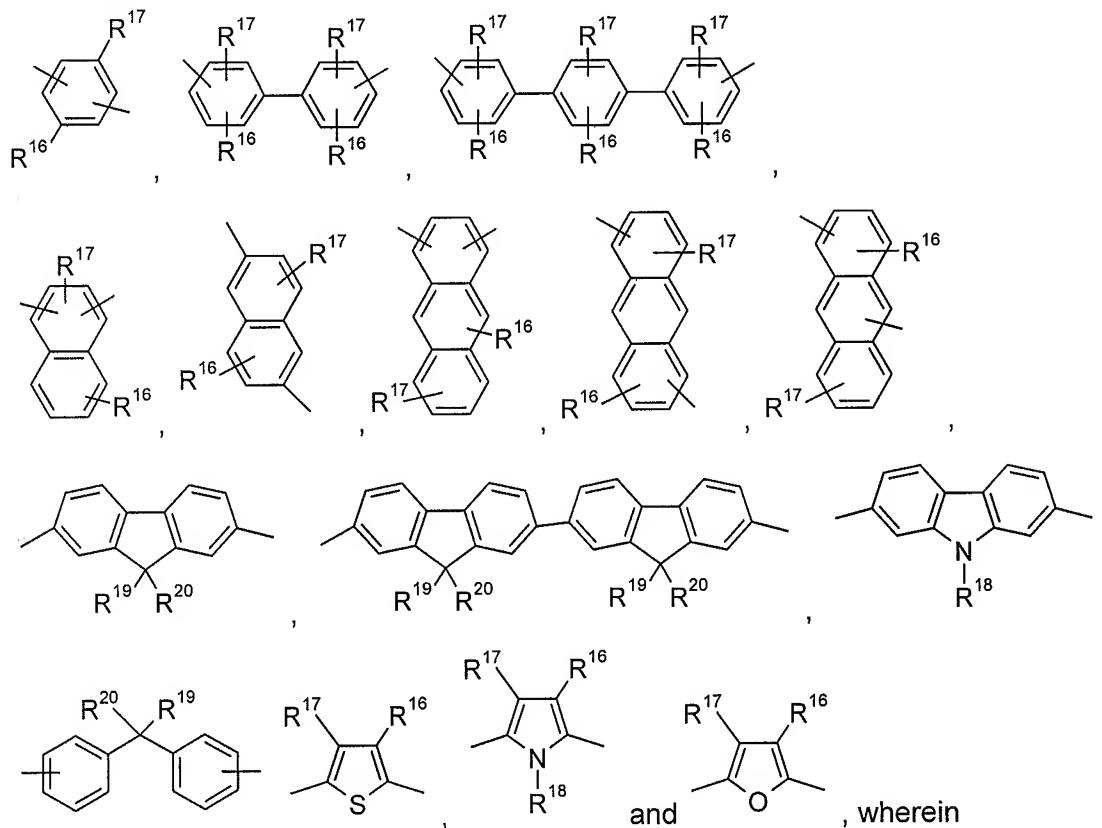
R<sup>19</sup> and R<sup>20</sup> together form a group of formula =CR<sup>100</sup>R<sup>101</sup>, wherein

R<sup>100</sup> and R<sup>101</sup> are independently of each other H, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl which is substituted by E and/or interrupted by D, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>24</sub>aryl, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>24</sub>aryl which is substituted by G, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>heteroaryl, or C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>heteroaryl which is substituted by G, or

R<sup>19</sup> and R<sup>20</sup> form a ring, which can optionally be substituted, and

D, E and G are as defined in claim 2.

**6. (previously presented)** A polymer according to claim 5, wherein T is selected from the group consisting of

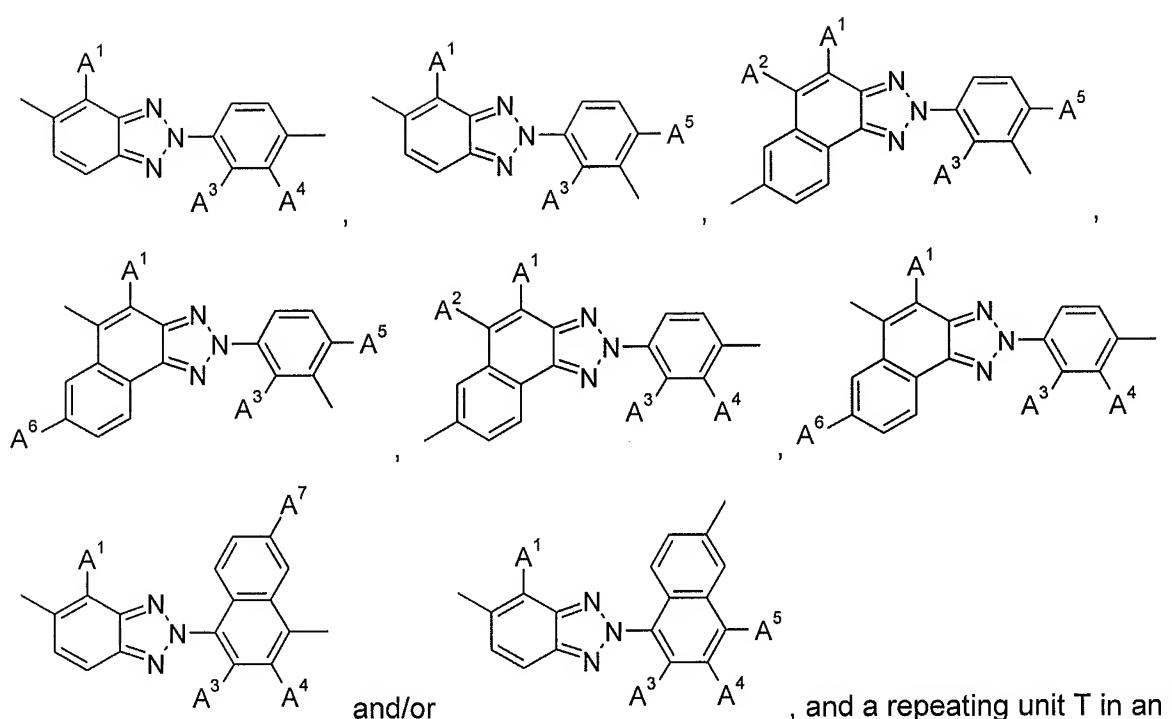


$R^{18}$  is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl, and

$R^{19}$  and  $R^{20}$  are independently of each other  $C_1$ - $C_{18}$ alkyl, especially  $C_4$ - $C_{12}$ alkyl, which can be interrupted by one or two oxygen atoms, or

$R^{19}$  and  $R^{20}$  form a five or six membered carbocyclic ring, which optionally can be substituted by  $C_1-C_4$ alkyl.

**7. (currently amended)** A polymer according claim 5 [[ 1 ]], comprising a repeating unit of the formula



and/or , and a repeating unit T in an amount of 0-  
up to 99.5 mol%, wherein the sum of the repeating unit(s) and the co-monomer is 100 mol%, wherein

$A^1$  is hydrogen, or  $C_1-C_{18}$ alkyl,

$A^2$  is hydrogen, or  $C_1-C_{18}$ alkyl,

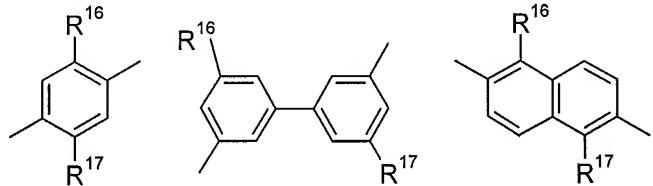
$A^3$  is hydrogen, or  $C_1-C_{18}$ alkoxy, or  $C_1-C_{18}$ alkyl,

$A^4$  is hydrogen, or  $C_1-C_{18}$ alkyl,

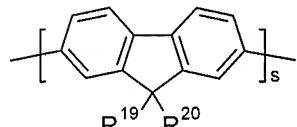
$A^5$  is hydrogen,  $C_1-C_{18}$ alkyl, di( $C_1-C_{18}$ alkyl)amino, or  $C_1-C_{18}$ alkoxy,

$A^6$  is hydrogen, or  $C_1-C_{18}$ alkyl,

$A^7$  is hydrogen,  $C_1-C_{18}$ alkyl or  $C_1-C_{18}$ alkoxy, and



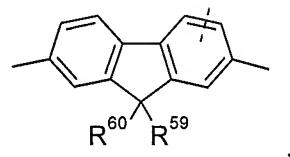
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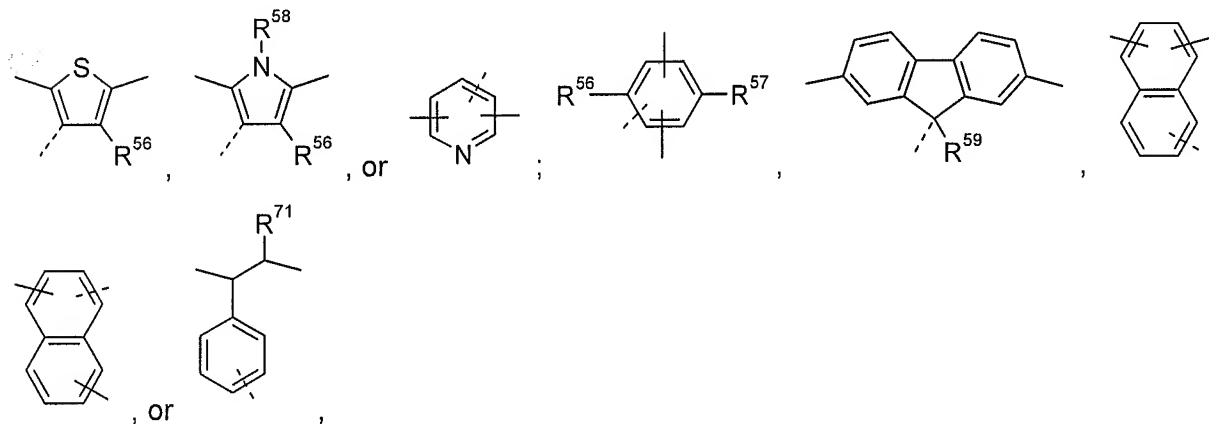
or  $R^{19}-R^{20}$ , wherein s is one or two,  $R^{16}$  and  $R^{17}$  are independently of each other  $C_1-C_{18}$ alkyl, which can be interrupted by one or two oxygen atoms,  $C_1-C_{18}$ alkoxy, which can be interrupted by one or two oxygen atoms and  $R^{19}$  and  $R^{20}$  are independently of each other  $C_1-C_{18}$ alkyl, which can be interrupted by one or two oxygen atoms.

**8. (currently amended)** A polymer according to claim 5 [[1]], comprising a repeating unit of the formula IV wherein

$\text{Ar}^7$ ,  $\text{Ar}^8$  and  $\text{Ar}^9$  are independently of each other a  $C_6\text{-}C_{30}$ aryl group, or a  $C_2\text{-}C_{26}$ heteroaryl group, which can optionally be substituted,



$X^1$  and  $X^2$  are independently of each other a group of the formula



wherein the dotted line represent the bond to the benzotriazole unit,

$R^{56}$  and  $R^{57}$  are independently of each other H,  $C_1\text{-}C_{18}$ alkyl,  $C_1\text{-}C_{18}$ alkyl which is substituted by E and/or interrupted by D,  $C_6\text{-}C_{24}$ aryl,  $C_6\text{-}C_{24}$ aryl which is substituted by G,  $C_2\text{-}C_{20}$ heteroaryl,  $C_2\text{-}C_{20}$ heteroaryl which is substituted by G,  $C_2\text{-}C_{18}$ alkenyl,  $C_2\text{-}C_{18}$ alkynyl,  $C_1\text{-}C_{18}$ alkoxy,  $C_1\text{-}C_{18}$ alkoxy which is substituted by E and/or interrupted by D, or  $C_7\text{-}C_{25}$ aralkyl,

$R^{58}$  is H,  $C_1\text{-}C_{18}$ alkyl,  $C_1\text{-}C_{18}$ alkyl which is substituted by E and/or interrupted by D,  $C_6\text{-}C_{24}$ aryl, or  $C_7\text{-}C_{25}$ aralkyl,

$R^{59}$  and  $R^{60}$  are independently of each other H,  $C_1\text{-}C_{18}$  alkyl,  $C_1\text{-}C_{18}$ alkyl which is substituted by E and/or interrupted by D,  $C_6\text{-}C_{24}$ aryl,  $C_6\text{-}C_{24}$ aryl which is substituted by G,  $C_2\text{-}C_{20}$ heteroaryl,  $C_2\text{-}C_{20}$ heteroaryl which is substituted by G,  $C_2\text{-}C_{18}$ alkenyl,  $C_2\text{-}C_{18}$ alkynyl,  $C_1\text{-}C_{18}$ alkoxy,  $C_1\text{-}C_{18}$ alkoxy which is substituted by E and/or interrupted by D, or  $C_7\text{-}C_{25}$ aralkyl, or

$R^{59}$  and  $R^{60}$  form a ring, which can optionally be substituted,

$R^{71}$  is H,  $C_1\text{-}C_{18}$ alkyl,  $-C\equiv N$ ,  $-CONR^{25}R^{26}$  or  $-COOR^{27}$ ,

D is  $-CO$ ;  $-COO$ ;  $-OCOO$ ;  $-S$ ;  $-SO$ ;  $-SO_2$ ;  $-O$ ;  $-NR^{25}$ ;  $-SiR^{30}R^{31}$ ;  $-POR^{32}$ ;  $-CR^{23}=CR^{24}$ ; or  $-C\equiv C$ ; and

E is  $-\text{OR}^{29}$ ;  $-\text{SR}^{29}$ ;  $-\text{NR}^{25}\text{R}^{26}$ ;  $-\text{COR}^{28}$ ;  $-\text{COOR}^{27}$ ;  $-\text{CONR}^{25}\text{R}^{26}$ ;  $-\text{CN}$ ;  $-\text{OCOOR}^{27}$ ; or halogen; G is E, or  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}\text{alkyl}$ , wherein

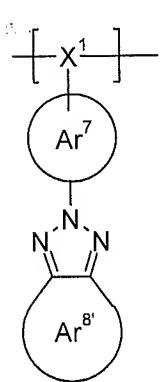
$\text{R}^{23}$ ,  $\text{R}^{24}$ ,  $\text{R}^{25}$  and  $\text{R}^{26}$  are independently of each other H;  $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{18}\text{aryl}$ ;  $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{18}\text{aryl}$  which is substituted by  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}\text{alkyl}$ ,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}\text{alkoxy}$ ;  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}\text{alkyl}$ ; or  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}\text{alkyl}$  which is interrupted by  $-\text{O}-$ ; or  $\text{R}^{25}$  and  $\text{R}^{26}$  together form a five or six membered ring,  $\text{R}^{27}$  and  $\text{R}^{28}$  are independently of each other H;  $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{18}\text{aryl}$ ;  $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{18}\text{aryl}$  which is substituted by  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}\text{alkyl}$ , or  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}\text{alkoxy}$ ;  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}\text{alkyl}$ ; or  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}\text{alkyl}$  which is interrupted by  $-\text{O}-$ , and

$\text{R}^{29}$  is H;  $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{18}\text{aryl}$ ;  $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{18}\text{aryl}$  which is substituted by  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}\text{alkyl}$ ,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}\text{alkoxy}$ ;  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}\text{alkyl}$ ; or  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}\text{alkyl}$  which is interrupted by  $-\text{O}-$ ,

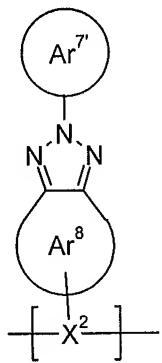
$\text{R}^{30}$  and  $\text{R}^{31}$  are independently of each other  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}\text{alkyl}$ ,  $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{18}\text{aryl}$ , or  $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{18}\text{aryl}$ , which is substituted by  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}\text{alkyl}$ , and

$\text{R}^{32}$  is  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}\text{alkyl}$ ,  $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{18}\text{aryl}$ , or  $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{18}\text{aryl}$ , which is substituted by  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}\text{alkyl}$ .

**9. (currently amended)** A polymer according to claim 8, comprising a repeating unit of the formula

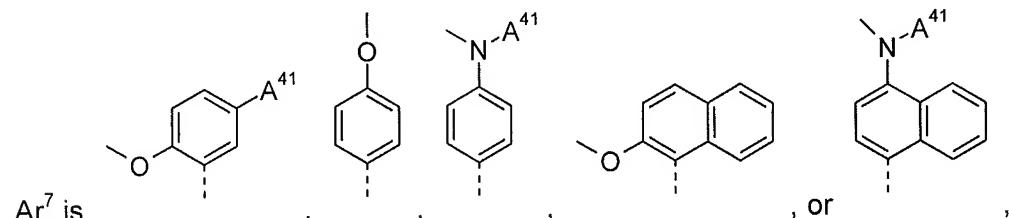


(IVa), and/or

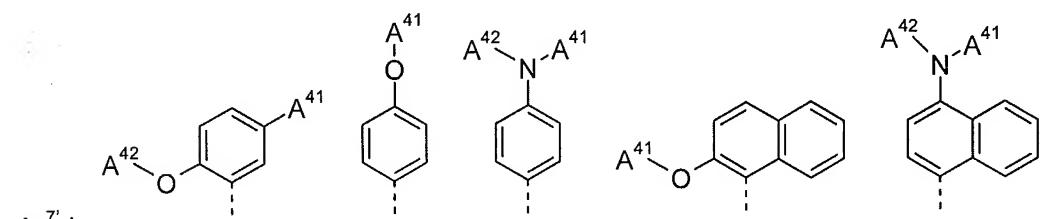


(IVb), and a repeating unit T in an amount of 0 up to 99.5

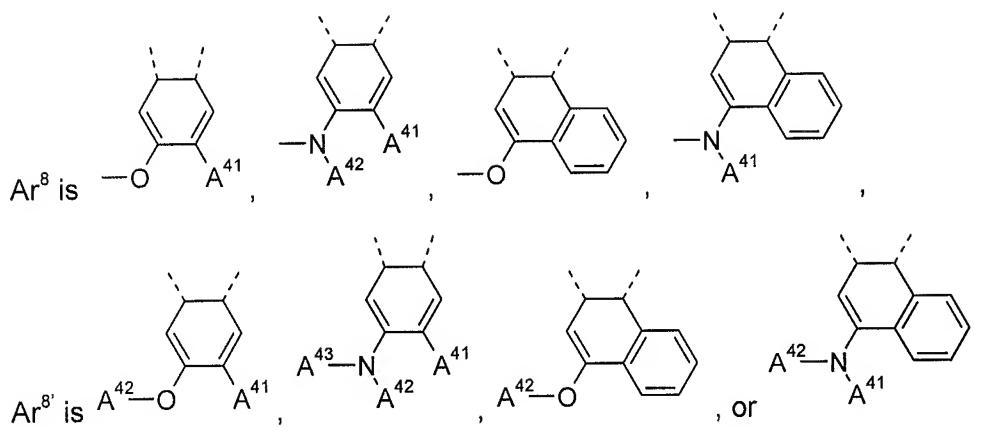
mol%, wherein the sum of the repeating unit(s) and the co-monomer is 100 mol%, wherein



, or



wherein the dotted line is the bond to the nitrogen atom of the benzotriazole unit,

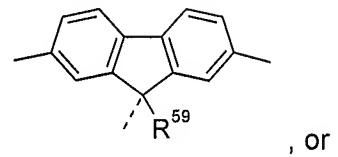


wherein the dotted lines are the bonds to the nitrogen atoms of the benzotriazole unit,

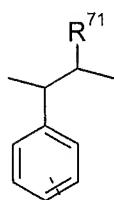
$A^{41}$  is hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkoxy, or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl,

$A^{42}$  is hydrogen, or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl,

$A^{43}$  is hydrogen, or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl,



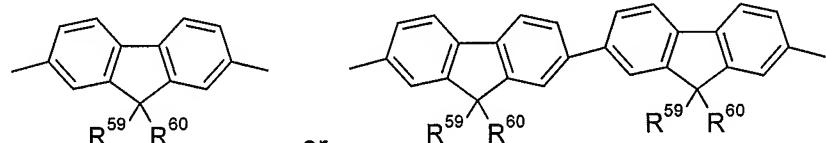
$X^1$  and  $X^2$  are independently of each other a group of the formula



, wherein the dotted line represent the bond to the benzotriazole unit,

$R^{71}$  is H, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl, -C≡N, or -COOR<sup>27</sup>, wherein

$R^{27}$  is H; or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl, which can be interrupted by one or more oxygen atoms, and



T is a group of formula

, or

, wherein  $R^{59}$

and  $R^{60}$  are independently of each other C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl which can be interrupted by one or two oxygen atoms.

**10. (currently amended)** An optical device or a component therefore, comprising a substrate and a polymer according to claim 5. [[1.]]

**11. (original)** An optical device according to claim 10, wherein the optical device comprises an electroluminescent device.

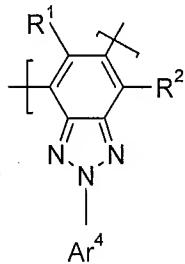
**12. (currently amended)** An optical device according to claim 11, wherein the electroluminescent device comprises

- (a) a reflective or transmissive anode
- (b) a reflective or transmissive cathode
- (c) an emissive layer comprising [[a]] ~~the polymer according to claim 1~~ located between the electrodes, and optionally
- (d) a charge injecting layer for injecting positive charge carriers, and
- (e) a charge injecting layer for injecting negative charge carriers.

**13. (cancelled).**

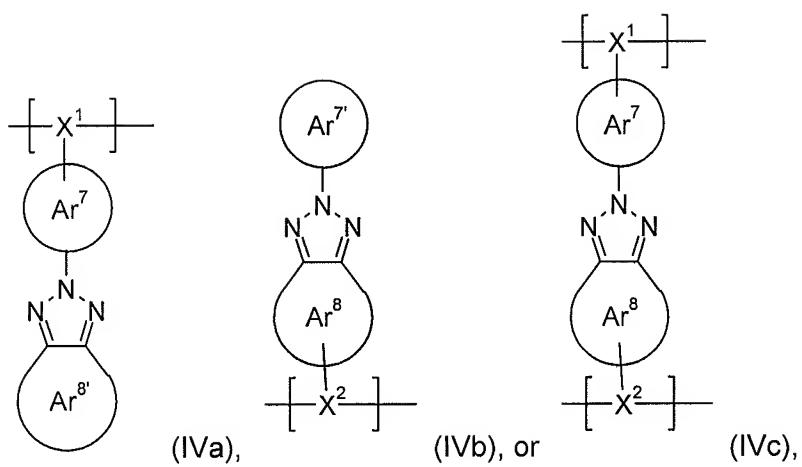
**14. (previously presented)** A polymer according to claim 1, wherein Ar<sup>1</sup>, Ar<sup>2</sup>, Ar<sup>3</sup>, Ar<sup>4</sup>, Ar<sup>5</sup>, Ar<sup>6</sup>, Ar<sup>7</sup> and Ar<sup>8</sup> are independently of each other a C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>30</sub>aryl group which can optionally be substituted, or a C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>26</sub>heteroaryl group, which can optionally be substituted.

**15. (previously presented)** A polymer according to claim 3, comprising a repeating unit of the formula



[[15]] **16. (currently amended)** A polymer according to claim 4, wherein p is 1, 2 or 3, q is 1, 2 or 3 and r is 0, 1, 2 or 3.

**17. (previously presented)** A polymer according to claim 8, wherein the a repeating unit of the formula IV is selected from formula IVa, IVb and IVc

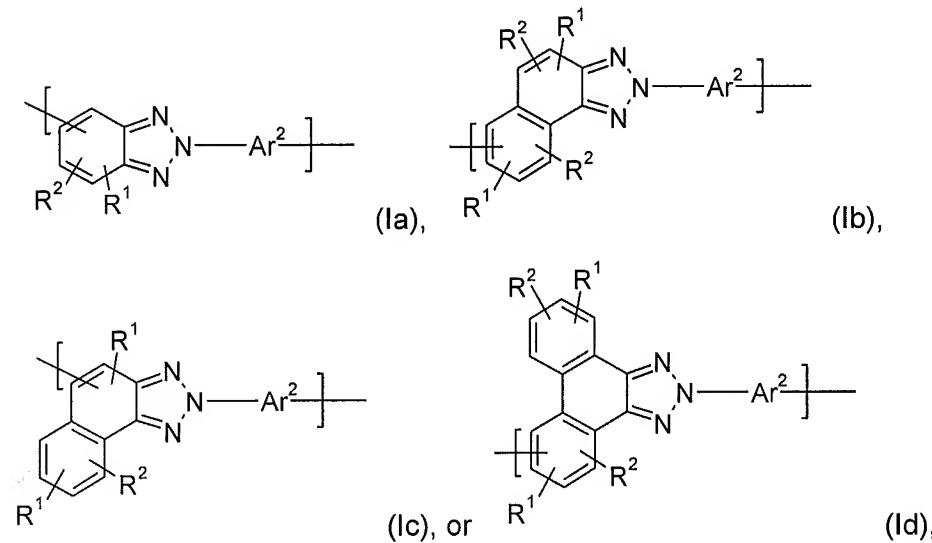


wherein

Ar<sup>7</sup>, Ar<sup>8</sup> and Ar<sup>8'</sup> are independently of each other a C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>30</sub>aryl group, or a C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>26</sub>heteroaryl group, which can optionally be substituted.

**18. (cancelled).**

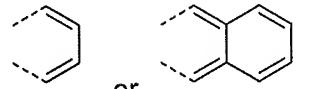
**19. (new)** A polymer according to claim 5, comprising a repeating unit of the formula



wherein Ar<sup>2</sup> is as defined in claim 1,

R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are independently of each other H, halogen, SO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl which is substituted by E and/or interrupted by D, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>perfluoroalkyl, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>24</sub>aryl, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>24</sub>aryl which is substituted by G, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>heteroaryl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>heteroaryl which is substituted by G, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>-

$C_{18}$ alkynyl,  $C_1$ - $C_{18}$ alkoxy,  $C_1$ - $C_{18}$ alkoxy which is substituted by E and/or interrupted by D,  $C_7$ - $C_{25}$ aralkyl, or -CO-R<sup>28</sup>,



or two substituents R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup>, which are adjacent to each other, are a group , or , D is -CO-; -COO-; -S-; -SO-; -SO<sub>2</sub>-; -O-; -NR<sup>25</sup>-; -SiR<sup>30</sup>R<sup>31</sup>-; -POR<sup>32</sup>-; -CR<sup>23</sup>=CR<sup>24</sup>-; or -C≡C-; and E is -OR<sup>29</sup>; -SR<sup>29</sup>; -NR<sup>25</sup>R<sup>26</sup>; -COR<sup>28</sup>; -COOR<sup>27</sup>; -CONR<sup>25</sup>R<sup>26</sup>; -CN; -OCOOR<sup>27</sup>; or halogen; G is E, or  $C_1$ - $C_{18}$ alkyl, wherein

R<sup>23</sup>, R<sup>24</sup>, R<sup>25</sup> and R<sup>26</sup> are independently of each other H;  $C_6$ - $C_{18}$ aryl;  $C_6$ - $C_{18}$ aryl which is substituted by  $C_1$ - $C_{18}$ alkyl, or  $C_1$ - $C_{18}$ alkoxy;  $C_1$ - $C_{18}$ alkyl; or  $C_1$ - $C_{18}$ alkyl which is interrupted by -O-; or

R<sup>25</sup> and R<sup>26</sup> together form a five or six membered ring, R<sup>27</sup> and R<sup>28</sup> are independently of each other H;  $C_6$ - $C_{18}$ aryl;  $C_6$ - $C_{18}$ aryl which is substituted by  $C_1$ - $C_{18}$ alkyl, or  $C_1$ - $C_{18}$ alkoxy;  $C_1$ - $C_{18}$ alkyl; or  $C_1$ - $C_{18}$ alkyl which is interrupted by -O-,

R<sup>29</sup> is H;  $C_6$ - $C_{18}$ aryl;  $C_6$ - $C_{18}$ aryl, which is substituted by  $C_1$ - $C_{18}$ alkyl, or  $C_1$ - $C_{18}$ alkoxy;  $C_1$ - $C_{18}$ alkyl; or  $C_1$ - $C_{18}$ alkyl which is interrupted by -O-,

R<sup>30</sup> and R<sup>31</sup> are independently of each other  $C_1$ - $C_{18}$ alkyl,  $C_6$ - $C_{18}$ aryl, or  $C_6$ - $C_{18}$ aryl, which is substituted by  $C_1$ - $C_{18}$ alkyl, and

R<sup>32</sup> is  $C_1$ - $C_{18}$ alkyl,  $C_6$ - $C_{18}$ aryl, or  $C_6$ - $C_{18}$ aryl, which is substituted by  $C_1$ - $C_{18}$ alkyl.

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